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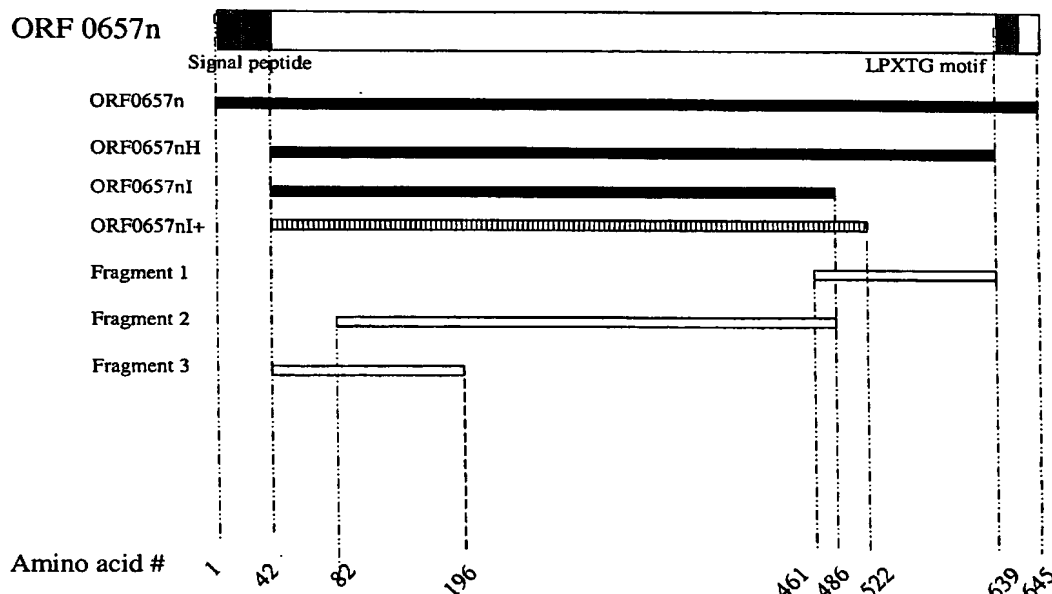
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(57) Abstract: The present invention features polypeptides comprising an amino acid sequence structurally related to SEQ ID NO: 1, uses of such polypeptides, and expression systems for producing such polypeptides. SEQ ID NO: 1 is a truncated derivative of a full length *S. aureus* polypeptide. The full-length polypeptide is referred to herein as full-length "ORF0657n". Polypeptides containing the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 were found to produce a protective immune response against *S. aureus*.



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